

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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SEWAGE SPILL LEADING TO CHOLLAS CREEK

USN AND PORT DISTRICT NOTIFIED OF SPILL

An estimated 5,480-gallon sewage spill occurred yesterday evening, March 6th, on the 2800 block of 39TH Street in San Diego. The spill, which was caused by a grease blockage in a sewer line, began about 6:16 pm yesterday evening and was contained at 7:07 pm. All 5,480 gallons flowed into Chollas Creek, which flows to San Diego Bay at the 32nd Street Naval Station. The San Diego Unified Port District and the U.S. Navy have been notified to avoid water contact in the bay near the creek outlet for the next 72 hours. No recreational waters were impacted by the spill.

For more information on the spill, please call the City of San Diego Metropolitan Wastewater Department at 858-292-6403.

For updates call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR log on to www.earth911.org, enter your zip code and select 'Beach Water Quality'.